

## **RETURNING YOUR LIBRARY MATERIALS**

Please **DO NOT** mix cartridges, boxes, and/or mailcards. Now that we are in full swing with digital materials you may be getting reading materials from as many as four different places: your local library (which is us), the Regional Library in Lansing, The Multi-State Center in Ohio, and the Magazine Producer in Maryland.

We have had patrons use book boxes to return magazines in, mixed up book cartridges and boxes that belong to us or the Regional Library, mailcards from another book returned with different cartridges, and lots of variations of these examples. Needless to say, when this happens it slows down the process of us getting another book or magazine out to you. If a cartridge and its case are not reunited, it is marked as lost and is no longer available to loan to other library users.

To replace a lost book, it costs the library about \$8.00 apiece. With the current economy, budget deficits, and government funding reductions we are trying very hard to be good stewards of the materials we are provided for your library service.

The information on each mailcard is specific to the book or magazine that is in that box. There are also barcodes on each box that identify the book contained in that box. And to make things more confusing there are also barcodes on each cartridge. Please help us make things run smoothly by keeping each book or magazine in its original container along with the mailcard that was used to ship that item.

## **BLUE WATER LEAGUE OF THE BLIND**

The Blue Water League will be doing a mobility exercise on the Parker Road Park Trail, behind the Wal-Mart at the north end of Fort Gratiot, On Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11am to 2pm. If you would like to participate in this mobility exercise or help out with techniques in travel call Phyllis for more details at 810-966-9185.

## **MAGAZINES ON CARTRIDGE (MOC)**

The digital magazines on a sky blue cartridge that come in a red box need to be returned in a timely manner to continue getting your subscriptions. The library will call you when we are notified that you have an overdue magazine. We will call you a second time to let you know if the magazine producer has stopped your subscriptions.

If you have returned your overdue magazines and have not received any new magazines in a month please contact the library at 982-3600 or 1-800-272-8570. For those who get a lot of magazines, you may want to contact the library to exchange your standard player for an advanced digital player that has a few more keys that make it easier to move between magazines and articles on the cartridges.

## **TALKING PRESCRIPTION CONTAINERS**

Did you know Walmart has a talking prescription program called ScripTalk? This prescription service is offered through mail order across the country, free of charge, to customers who are blind.

To participate in this program you must first contact Walmart at their toll free number at 1-888-227-3403 to set up your mail order prescriptions and order your ScripTalk containers. The next step is to call EnVision America at 1-855-773-2579 (1-855-SPEAK-RX) to order your free ScripTalk reading device. This device will then scan the labels that are provided on your Walmart prescriptions and read it back to you.

There are currently 33 stores in the country that offer this service. If your local Walmart store doesn't yet offer ScripTalk, contact Walmart at 1-888-227-3403 to make a request that your local store offer this service.

**LOOKING FOR A NEW AUTHOR?**

Have you read every book by a favorite author and are looking for something new but can't think of where to start? We have some suggestions you might want to try. Call us at 810-982-3600 or toll free 1-800-272-8570 if you would like us to send you any of the following authors. The authors listed here are just a sample of what we have.

If you liked the Alex Cross series by James Patterson you might want to read:

- Stone Barrington series by Stuart Woods.
- Spencer series by Robert B. Parker.
- Eve Duncan series by Iris Johansen.
- Alex Delaware series by Jonathan Kellerman.
- Jack Reacher series by Lee Child.

If you like spicy romance books you may also enjoy these authors:

- Victoria Alexander
- Catherine Anderson
- Mary Balogh
- Suzanne Brockmann
- Catherine Coulter
- Jude Deveraux
- Rachel Gibson
- Lisa Kleypas
- Stephanie Laurens
- Johanna Lindsey
- Susan Mallery
- Fern Michaels
- Linda L. Miller
- Julia Quinn
- Nora Roberts
- Sherryl Woods

For religious fiction you may want to sample one of these authors:

- Terri Blackstock
- Philip Gulley
- Robin J. Gunn
- Dee Henderson
- Jan Karon
- Karen Kingsbury
- Thomas Kinkade
- Tim LaHaye
- Beverly Lewis
- Gilbert Morris
- Janette Oke
- Tracie Peterson
- Michael Phillips
- Lauraine Snelling
- Bodie Thoene
- Lori Wick

**BARD (BRAILLE AUDIO READING DOWNLOAD) TIPS**

The BARD download site has so much to offer, with more things coming in the future, it may get a little confusing when you are browsing for books. Here are some tips we hope will help when you or a family member downloads books from the website.

On the BARD main page, under additional links, you have an update account settings link. You may want to make use of this tool to adjust the color settings if you are a low vision user. The display results setting, is a great way to limit your searches to show only audio books. You can choose to not display books that are braille files if you do not have a braille display unit to read them with.

Also in the additional links section you will find links for the Braille Book Review and Talking Book Topics, which are the bi-monthly catalogs produced by the Library of Congress, NLS, to let you know what new books are ready for your reading enjoyment. Within each of these catalogs there is a link directly to each book listed for easier downloading.

Remember that the Braille Book Review lists only books that are in a Braille format, so you will need to have a braille display unit to access these books. The Talking Book Topics is the catalog to browse if you are looking for audio books to be played on your digital talking book machine or your own digital reading device.

The beta testing phase went well for the new BARD Mobile App with Apple devices and is in the review stage. Look for the free app for your IOS device in the next couple of weeks. Go to <http://www.apple.com/accessibility/osx/voiceover/> if you want to get started reading up on the hand gestures that are used for Voiceover, which you will use to navigate BARD and downloading books. NLS expects that it may be another 6 months before the Android App is ready for release because it is a more complex process for these devices.

**SWEET PUMPKIN DIP**

We would like to thank Gloria from Cass City, who sent us this tasty sounding recipe. If you would like to see more recipes in future issues of our newsletter please send us your favorite easy recipe and we will choose one for the next issue.

- 2 – 8 oz. pkgs. Cream Cheese softened.
- 1 – 15 oz. can Pumpkin.
- 2 – Cups sifted Confectioner's Sugar.
- 1 – tsp. each Cinnamon and Ginger.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and pumpkin till smooth. Add confectioner's sugar, cinnamon, and ginger. Continue mixing till well combined. Store in refrigerator until you are ready to serve. Good on fruit, mini graham crackers, bagels, and sweet breads.

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

The LBPH will be closed the following days:

- Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, for a Staff Development Day.
- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, for Veteran's Day.
- Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, for Thanksgiving.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, for Christmas.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>, for New Year's.

If you think you will run out of books, please call us a few days before the holiday to be sure we have time to get them into the mail for you.

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**TO CALL US DIAL:**



982-3600 Local Calls  
1-800-272-8570 Toll Free

**TO CALL THE TTY DIAL:**



455-0200 Local Calls  
1-866-462-2075 Toll Free



**TO SEND US A FAX:**

810-987-7326

**SEND E-MAIL TO:**

[lbph@sccl.lib.mi.us](mailto:lbph@sccl.lib.mi.us)



**VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT:**

[www.sccl.lib.mi.us/LBPH.aspx](http://www.sccl.lib.mi.us/LBPH.aspx)

**TO VISIT US:**



Check in at Circ Desk

**Please call ahead**

Mon—Fri 8:30 am—5:00 pm